

In Loving Memory of
SUPERINTENDENT
ALBERT CHESTER MACKLIN, III

THE BELOVED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION



SUNRISE, AUGUST 28, 1928
Marshall, Texas

SUNSET, AUGUST 5, 2004
Palo Alto, California

LOCAL SERVICE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2004, 6:00 PM

OFFICIATING

PASTOR LEON SWINDELL

NEW SWEET HOME CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

2170 CAPITOL AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CA 94303

PASTOR ALBERT C. MACKLIN IV



OFFICIAL JURISDICTIONAL SERVICE

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OFFICIATING PRELATE

BISHOP WILBUR WYATT HAMILTON,

Secretary of the General Board

GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

27689 TYRRELL AVENUE, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

BISHOP J.W. MACKLIN, PASTOR



Local Services

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Thursday Night Service, August 12th ~ 6:00 PM

ORDER OF SERVICES

Masters of Ceremony

Elder Jeffrey Williams, *New Sweet Home COGIC*

Pastor Fredrick Roberts, *Church of Eternal Life/ Sweet Unity District*

Clergy/ Family Processional

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Elder Larry Moore & Elder Eric Davis

Invocation: Pastor Jerry Waters, *New True Holiness COGIC*

The Congregational Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Expressions: NSH Families

The Augmon & Jordan Families ~ The Bodden & Nash Families
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Dr. Sherry Wren ~ Dr. Jeff Peterson

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Family Tribute: André and Anthony Macklin, Sons

"A Friend Like No Other"

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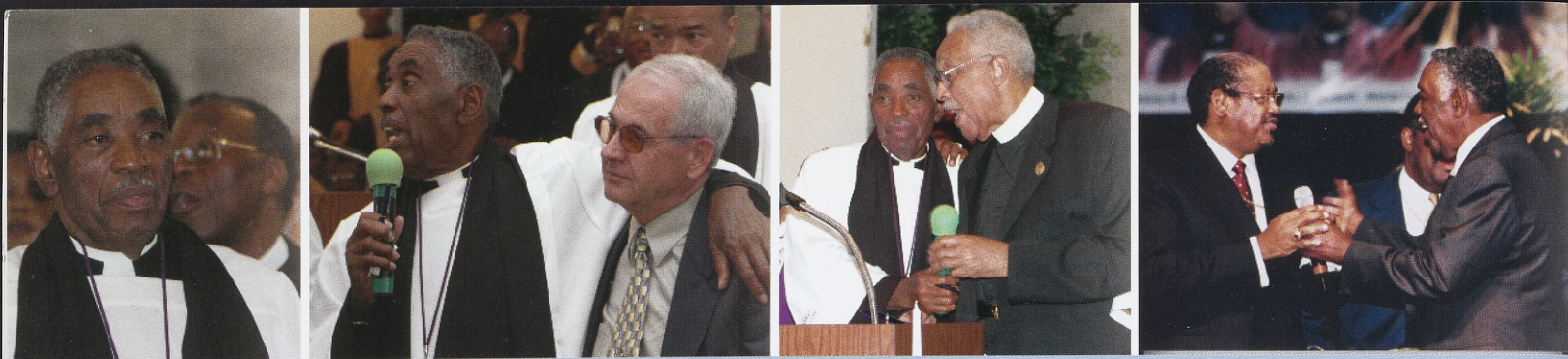
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Superintendent Albert Chester Macklin, III • 1928 - 2004

"A faithful man, who can find? A just man walks in his own integrity, and his children are blessed after him."

Proverbs 20:6, 7

On August 28, 1928, in the country town of Marshall, Texas on Five-Notch Road, a son, **Albert Chester Macklin, III**, was born to Albert and Minerva Macklin. Albert, the youngest of 13 children, was adored by his parents and admired for his beautiful long hair. He was considered spoiled and was raised as a "Momma's boy", but he would grow up to become a humble servant of the Lord, and friend to many. Albert completed high school in Marshall, during which time he developed a great love for sports and dreamed that one day he would be the next "Jackie Robinson".

While passing through Henderson, Texas in pursuit of his dreams, Albert was introduced to a beautiful young lady named Helen J. Clayton. He said "it was love at first sight". Not being from a wealthy family, he borrowed a suit from a friend and set out to make a good impression. Albert and Helen were united in holy matrimony on April 1, 1950, pledging their love, "till death do us part". He had already made it clear that he dreamed of having a large family, so, soon after exchanging wedding vows Albert and Helen started a family. Albert brought to this union a child of his own, a precious daughter, Deborah Ann. That same year, he was drafted into the United States Army, during which time the couple was blessed with their first son, Jerry Wayne. After serving his country during the Korean War, Albert returned home in 1953.

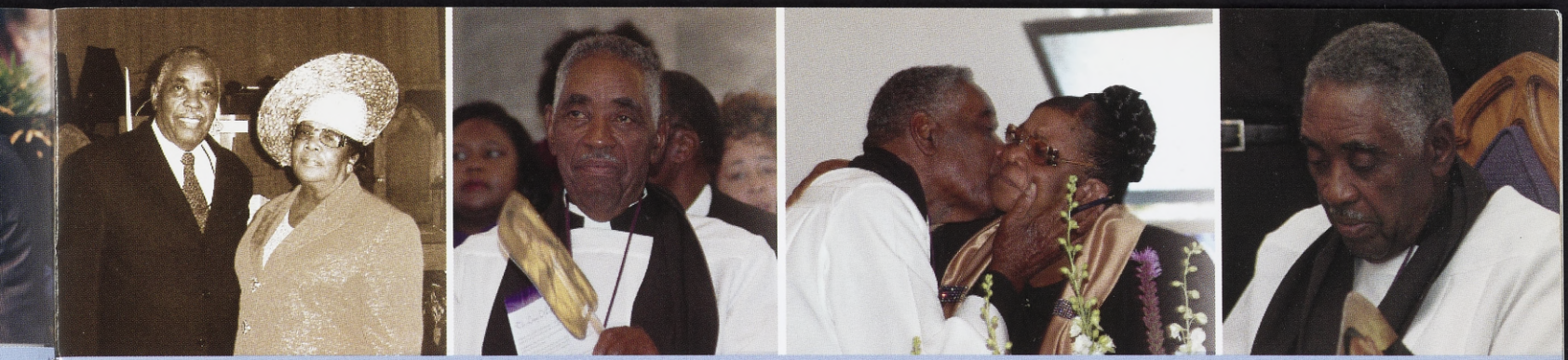
The Macklin's decided to make California their home, and settled in San Mateo. There, Albert was employed as a cement mason for Bigatto Paving, and later as an appliance technician for L & B Appliances. The family continued to grow, and soon another son, Anthony McKinley was born, followed by daughters Renetha Helen, Dwyann, Theresa Elaine, and Melissa.

Albert would soon discover that God had a wonderful plan for his life. Following his sanctified wife to church one Sunday morning, Albert received the Lord as his Savior at Macedonia Church of God in Christ, under the late Pastor B.B. Alexander. There, he was spiritually nurtured by the late Mother Mattie V. Thomas. Several months after his conversion, during a District Meeting, Brother Macklin was baptized in the Holy Ghost at Sweet Home Church of God in Christ, the church he would later Pastor. Later, Brother Macklin experienced a supernatural healing of two slipped disks in his back which had caused him much pain and physical impairment. As his Pastor led the benediction prayer, he was miraculously healed by the power of God. As he grew in the Lord, he accepted the call to the ministry. Minister Macklin, was a faithful Bible scholar, and was appointed Sunday School Superintendent of the Macedonia Church.

Later, after being highly recommended by Superintendent B.B. Alexander, in January of 1967, the Macklin family joined the Sweet Home Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Ingram. In August of that year, Minister Macklin was officially appointed pastor, and another wonderful journey began. Through his vision and leadership, Sweet Home was relocated to East Palo Alto in 1969, and officially renamed the New Sweet Home Church of God in Christ. A construction team cut the church building in half and moved it in two parts to its present location. The official opening and dedication service was held in 1970. Having a passion for lost souls, Pastor Macklin became a full-time pastor in 1971. Later, the Macklin family moved to Menlo Park, and finally settled in Mountain View. Their family continued to grow, and soon Albert Chester IV, and André Bernard were born.

For a number of years, New Sweet Home was part of the Peninsula District Fellowship under Superintendent Virgil Robinson and District Missionary Mary Bains, where Pastor Macklin served as District Sunday School Superintendent. For nearly 30 years, the church was in the California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, where Pastor Macklin faithfully served under the late Bishops E. E. Hamilton, S.R. Martin, Milton Mathis and Clarence Davis; then under the current Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop W.W. Hamilton. While in California Northwest, Superintendent Macklin served as State Evangelist President, and later as President of the Ordination Board, where he worked along side his brother-in-law and dear friend, the late Pastor Alvin Swindell.

In 1986 the Sweet Unity District was established and Pastor Macklin was appointed District Superintendent. Then, in 2001 the Nor Cal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction was born, and Superintendent Macklin was appointed First Administrative Assistant to his eldest son, Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin. In July of 2001, father and son were consecrated to office by the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson. Superintendent Macklin also served the National Church in the International Sunday School Department as the leader and teacher of the



The Life of a Servant

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. Psalm 93:5

morning prayer, and was later appointed as a member of the Commission on Doctrine for the Church of God in Christ Constitutional Convention.

Superintendent Macklin was highly respected as a "Man of God", and affectionately known across this country as "Dad Macklin". He lived by precept and example, demonstrating his love for the Word of God and for lost souls. Although he was often honored for his many accomplishments, his true passion was for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and shepherding his flock. The New Sweet Home Church continued to flourish, and Dad Macklin was recognized in the City of East Palo Alto as "The Community Pastor." During his pastorate, the church was remodeled four times, and purchased three adjacent properties for expanding the ministry. Dad Macklin strongly desired to see the lost saved at any cost. Through his vision, the New Sweet Home Step II Ministry was established in the 1990's, offering a better way of life for recovering addicts, while introducing them to Jesus Christ. This ministry was dear to his heart! From this ministry has come pastors, ministers, deacons and other successful and committed Christian men and women; all because "one man" dared to obey God. Dad Macklin has impacted lives across this country by preaching the gospel message that "Holiness is the Way". Under his ministry, countless souls were saved and delivered, many sick bodies were healed, and he made friends everywhere he went. And, besides being a great "fisher of men", his friends and family also called him "The World's Greatest Fisherman!"

In 2003 Dad Macklin had a vision to "build the Lord a House". This was a huge challenge, but he moved with determination and faith in God, completing the job with the excellence that has marked his life and ministry. During the remodeling, he preached time after time that he would finish New Sweet Home, then, take his flight for Glory. Assured that this was the will God, following the dedication of the church, on June 26, 2004, Dad Macklin met with the New Sweet Home Church family, and officers of the district and jurisdiction to "set the church in order". At this meeting his son, Elder Albert Macklin, IV, with the blessing of the Jurisdictional Prelate, was appointed co-pastor of the church. Because of his great love and devotion for his wife and family, even in his final hours he continued to comfort them and prepare them for his departure. Just as he had declared while preaching the gospel on his deathbed, Dad Macklin saw a glimpse of heaven and received confirmation and comfort from the Angelic Hosts. On Thursday, August 5, 2004, he humbly and willingly said "yes" to the will of God, and moved from his earthly home to abide "forever with the Lord."

To celebrate his great legacy and cherish precious memories, he leaves his devoted wife of 54 years, Mother Helen J. Macklin, who stood by his side until the end; four sons: Bishop Jerry W. Macklin of Hayward, CA, Anthony Macklin of Atlanta, GA, Albert Macklin, IV of Sunnyvale, CA, and André Macklin of Los Angeles, CA; five loving daughters whom he called "his girls": Deborah Macklin-Gibson of Ft. Worth, TX, Renetha Macklin of San Antonio, TX, Dwyann Macklin-Mason (*Daddy's girl*) of East Palo Alto, CA, Theresa Macklin of Hayward, CA, and his "baby girl", Melissa Macklin-Billingsley of East Palo Alto, CA. He also leaves three daughters-in-law: Vanessa Macklin, Charlene Macklin, and Tangy Macklin; two sons-in-law, Michael Billingsley, and Anthony Mason; two brothers: Superintendent Robert L. Macklin of Ft. Worth, TX, and Lorenzo Macklin (and wife JoAnn) of Ft. Worth, TX; one sister, Ruby D. Harris (and husband John D.) of Fort Worth, TX, other beloved sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and his grandchildren, whom he dearly loved: John (and wife LaRon), Diron, Derek, Mataya (and husband William), Jerwayne, Mallori, Aaron, Jessica, Shanitha, Alletha, LaDonia, Sharrell, Chelsey, Imani, Fitzroy, Justin, Stedman, Alec and Alissa; great-grandchildren: Damarion, Jayden, Diron, Jr., Xx'rhon, Janarious, Patience, Langston, Garrett and Mi'Kael; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and countless dear friends, including "Tippett". Dad Macklin also leaves the Glad Tidings Church family, whom he affectionately called his "grandchildren", the NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction family, many sons and daughters in the Gospel, the New Sweet Home Step II family, and his heart and joy, the New Sweet Home Church Family.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

II Timothy 4:7-8

A Celebration of Life

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MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Pastor Bruce McAlister, *Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction*
Pastor Douglas Macklin, *Memphis, Tennessee, 5th Jurisdiction*

*P*RELUDE..... "A Praise & Worship Celebration"

PROCESSIONAL

*F*or we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved,
we have a building of God, an house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1

THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Elder Lester Keeton, *CA Northwest Jurisdiction*
New Testament Bishop Jessie Dickens, *CA Western Jurisdiction*

INVOCATION (*Lord Hear Our Prayer*) Pastor John Doyle, *Nor Cal Episcopal Assistant*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*This He Believed*) Supt. Adam Edwards, *Amid, LA*

HYMN OF CELEBRATION (*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*) Supt. Larry Myles, *Richmond, VA*

EXPRESSIONS

NEW SWEET HOME CHURCH (*A Life Long Friend*) Deacon Charlie Johnson
EAST PALO ALTO COMMUNITY Mother Oneida Branch
Brother Lloyd Hudson
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATES OF EAST PALO ALTO Rev. Floyd Purdy
CLERGY AT LARGE Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland, *San Antonio, Texas*

SELECTION A. C. MACKLIN MEMORIAL CHOIR

MEMORIAL SALUTE: NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION


WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT Supervisor Plumie Dancey
PASTORS AND ELDERS Pastor Terry Saffold
SUPERINTENDENTS BOARD Supt. Itaska Hollins, *Chairman*
EXECUTIVE BOARD Supt. Joe Nobles, *Chief of Staff*

MUSICAL TRIBUTE (*Medley of Favorite Songs*) Sister Renetha Macklin, *San Antonio, Texas*

NATIONAL TRIBUTES

C.H. MASON SEMINARY, (ITC) Dean Oliver Haney, *Atlanta, Georgia*
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Supervisor Francis Curtis-Sykes, *Detroit, Michigan*
AUXILIARIES IN MINISTRY CONVENTION Supt. J. Drew Sheard, *Vice Chairman, Detroit, Michigan*
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Bishop Aubrey Baker, Jr., *Brooklyn, New York*
COGIC AT LARGE Bishop Marvin Pryor, *Saginaw, Michigan*

SELECTION A. C. MACKLIN MEMORIAL CHOIR

 HE FAMILY TRIBUTE (*The Eldest Son*) Bishop J. W. Macklin, *Hayward, CA*

OBITUARY Sister Jennifer Price, Deneice Pitts-Tell
Deborah Ballard, Beverly Rush-Lynch

CARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Deaconess Gerri Rogers

SERMONIC SELECTION Sister Carolyn Traylor, *Greenville, Texas*

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE BOARD OF BISHOPS

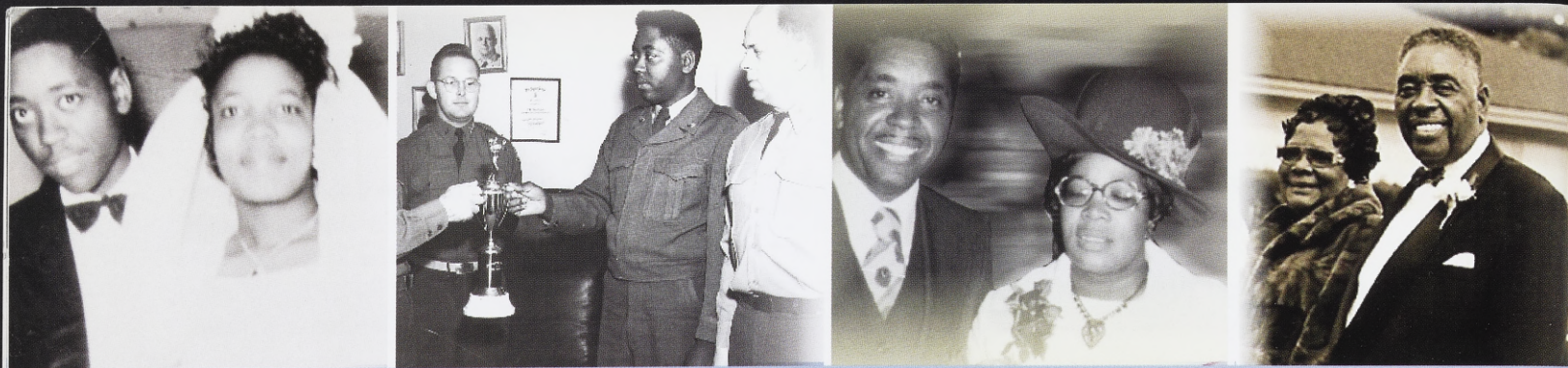
AND INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIATING PRELATE Bishop Ernie Morris, *Philadelphia, PA*

EULOGY **BISHOP W. W. HAMILTON**
Secretary to the General Board
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Pastor, Victory Temple, COGIC, Seaside, CA

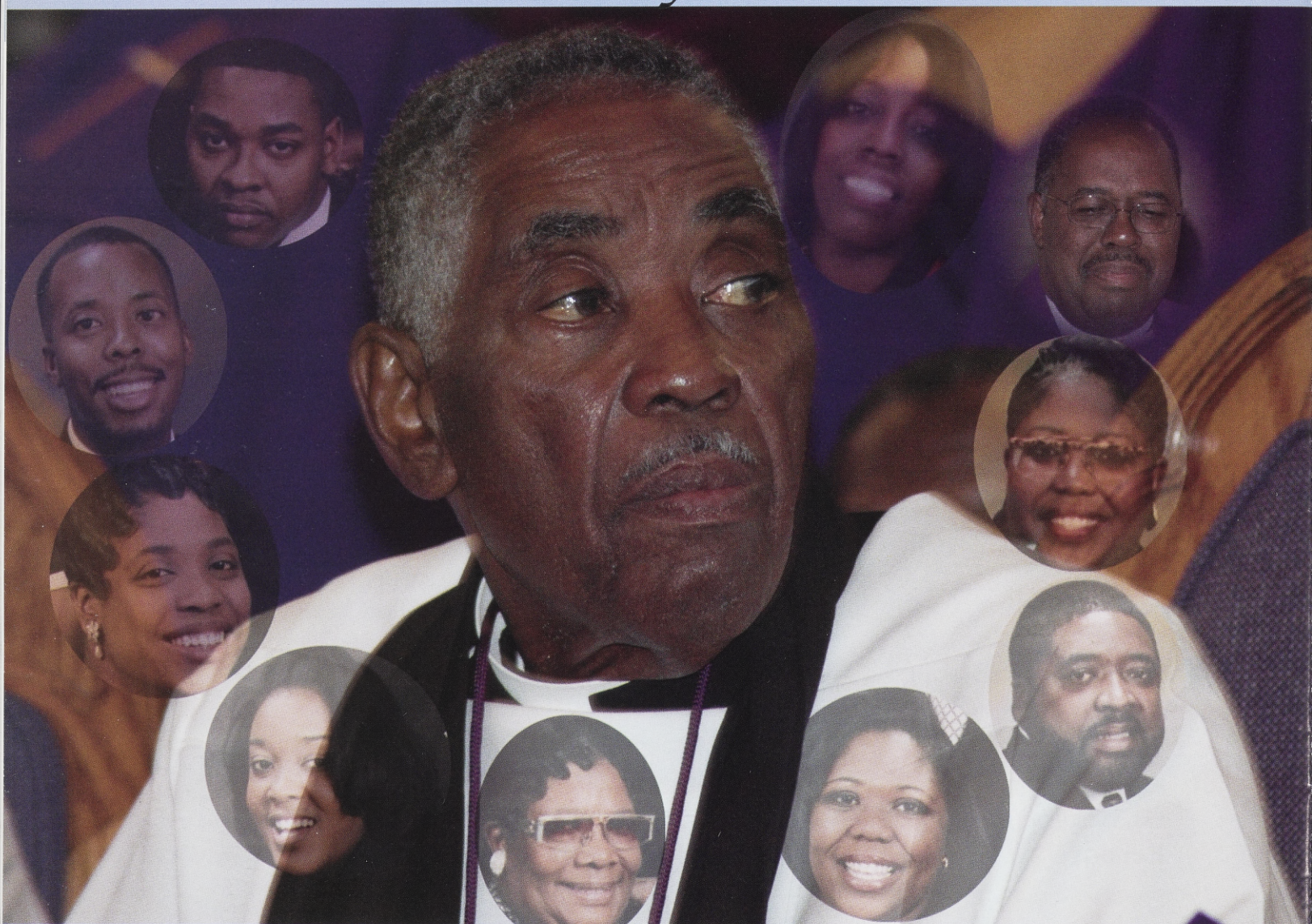
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Until We Meet Again

Recessional



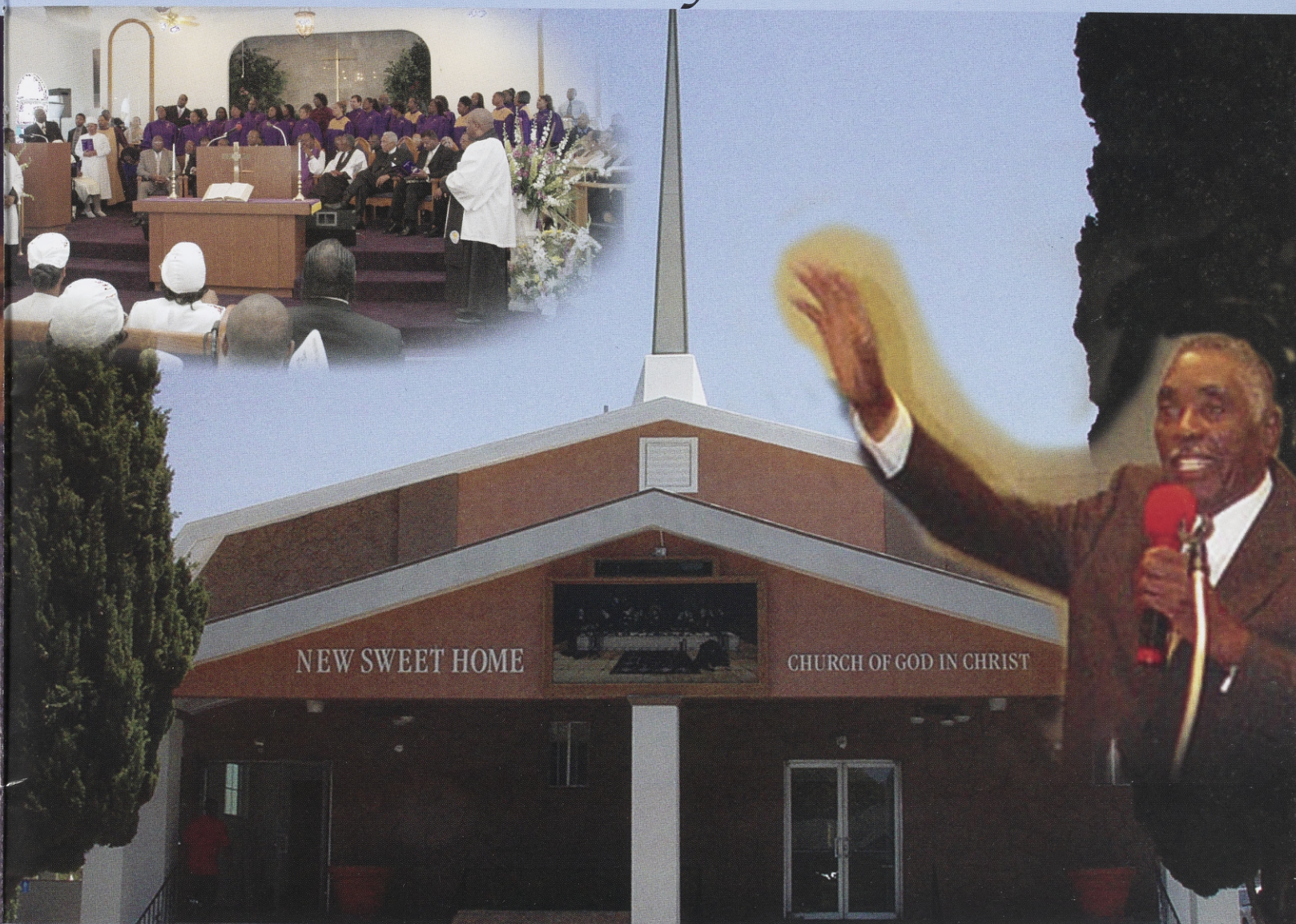
A Father's Love for His Children



Dad's Last Words..... "MOMMA, Daddy loves you so much!"..... "Oh, I love ya SWEET HOME ...It's gonna be alright!"..... "Oh my DWIGHTY, my Dwighty. It's alright"..... "Daddy's no different than anybody else, I gotta go home"..... "Is TONY here? Where's my Tony?"..... "Now DEBORAH, Daddy's leavin' you in charge!"..... "I know it hurts children, but there's nothing for an old man to do but die. That's why you gotta prepare to die everyday."..... "ANDRÈ, be careful with my boat!"..... "ALBERT, be a preacher boy! Be a preacher! The blessings of the Lord be upon you son!"..... "Oh where's my JERRY? Daddy loves ya so much. Stay with the old path son"..... "Suffering is a part of life folks" "Oh...so many people...the saints



A Pastor's Love for His Church

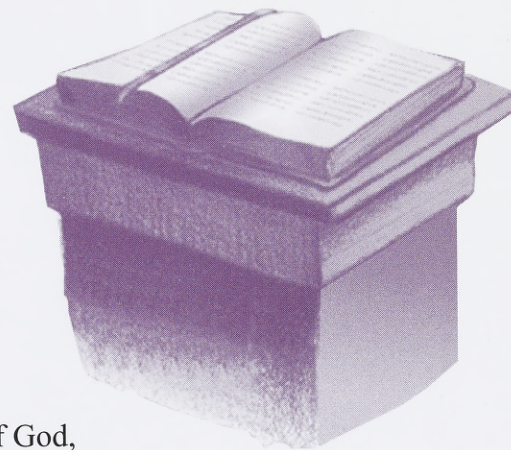


are everywhere.”..... “The heavenly host is waiting on me...MISSY, don’t you want to go?”“Oh how sweet it is”..... “Daddy know...I know, I know”“Oh, I just want to slip away in the arms of my Savior, and I want my last words to be ‘I love you Jesus’”..... “THERESSA, I need you to read for me. Tell me what God’s Word says”..... “NETHA, Thank you for coming and singing those beautiful songs”.....“Oh, how I love my wife and all my children... Daddy loves ya so much!... “I love all my grandchildren”.....“I’m outta here on the first thing smokin’!”..... “It’s gonna be alright!..... “These are my last words...Daddy gotta get outta here”..... “Oh, it’s such a simple Gospel. A fool need not error.”.....“Lord, can I just taste of that new wine?”

Affirmation of Faith – This “He” Believed

HIS BELIEF CONCERNING THE BIBLE

He believed the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible Written word of God.



HIS BELIEF CONCERNING GOD

He believed that there is One God, eternally existent in Three Persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

HIS BELIEF CONCERNING THE CHURCH

He believed in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.

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He believed that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ; And belief in the gospel according to Romans 10:9-10.

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He believed that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

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*My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary*

*My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!*

*Now hear me while I pray,
take all my pain away;
Lord let me from this day be wholly thine.*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my
fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, Lord may my love to thee pure,
warm and changeless be, a living fire.*

*While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love fear and distrust remove; Lord
bear me safe above, ransomed soul.*

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